

Agriculture Newsletter

Welcome to our new Livestock Extension Agent!

Kelsey Lichtenwalner joined the Cooperative Extension offices in Nash and Edgecombe Counties on September 1st! Kelsey's duties as Area Extension Agent will include educational responsibilities for livestock producers and youth interests in addition to Pesticide Coordinator for pesticide license holders.



Kelsey grew up on a small farm in Eastern North Carolina before graduating from NC State with a Bachelors in Animal Science in 2012. She worked as a Manager in Training for Smithfield Premium Genetics for two years before joining the Cooperative Extension in Warren County as an Agricultural Agent with responsibilities in Livestock and Field Crops. Kelsey is excited to join our staff and is looking forward to working with you. She can be reached at: kelsey_lichtenwalner@ncsu.edu or on her cell phone at (252) 333-8563.

Old Pesticide Collection Day in Edgecombe!



The NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' (NCDA&CS) Pesticide Disposal Assistance Program, a non-regulatory and **cost-free program**, in cooperation with the Edgecombe County Cooperative Extension Service, will be sponsoring a Pesticide Collection Day on October 18th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Edgecombe County Landfill (address: 2861 Colonial Rd., Tarboro, NC 27886).

Kelsey Lichtenwalner, Edgecombe County Cooperative Extension's Pesticide Coordinator is coordinating the collection with NCDA&CS and Edgecombe County's Solid Waste Management Department.

Nearly all pesticide products will be accepted, including banned and out-dated pesticides. For pesticides with unreadable or missing labels, contact the Cooperative Extension office at (252) 641-7821 for instructions. Participants are asked to save any portion of the label to help identify the material to be disposed of. Unknown materials cannot be accepted. This is a great opportunity to safely dispose of old and unwanted products to reduce hazards on your farm and at home!

For gas cylinders or containers greater than five gallons in size and for tips on transporting pesticides safely to the collection event, contact the Extension office at (252) 641-7821 before the collection day for special instructions and information.

AgVentures Grant Supports Farm Innovation

NC AgVentures provides grants to NC independent farmers for new and innovative agricultural project ideas that will increase farm profits. The program will award an average of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

NC AgVentures program will award a minimum of 20 grants to agriculturally dependent farm families in the following counties: Duplin, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Greene, Guilford, Harnett, Johnston, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Pitt, Rockingham, Sampson, Stokes, Surry, Wayne, Wilson and Yadkin. The NC AgVentures program is funded by the NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission.

The application deadline is January 5, 2018. To request an application form please visit our webpage: www.ncagventures.org

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